

Synopsis of Resume of
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EDUCATION

High School: George Washington High School, New York City, New York.
Graduated 1964
Founding member of the Boringuen Aspira Society, 1964.
Received a "cooperation in government" certificate.

College : Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, San German,
Puerto Rico.
Graduated 1968.
Degree: Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude
Major : Sociology
Minor : Psychology

Extra-curricular Activities: Three times elected to
the Student Government-Sociology Club
(President 1967-68), President Senior Class of 1968-
Member Nu Eta Phi Fraternity.

Honors: 1964-1965 Legislative Scholarship
1965-1968 Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation
Honor Scholarship.

Graduate : Columbia University School of Social Work, New York
City, New York.
Graduated 1970.
Degree: Master of Science in Social Work.

Extra-curricular Activities: Twice elected to the
Student Government (Interim President in 1969) Member
of the Puerto Rican Students Caucus of CUSSW (Treasurer
1969 to 1970).

Honors: 1968-1970 Federal Child Welfare Study Grant.

Law School : Seton Hall Law Center, Newark, New Jersey.
1975-1979
Degree: Juris doctor, Cum Laude
Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund Grant
for 1975-1976.
Received the Eugenio M. de Hostos award for Academic
Excellence.

Rutgers University, Paterson Extension Fall 1970.
Business Leadership Course (Administration)

Council on Social Work Education, New York.
Puerto Rican Faculty Development Project 1971-1972.
(Seminars were held in New York, New Jersey and
Puerto Rico)

EMPLOYMENT

Spring 1967	Field Observation at the Puerto Rico Parole Board, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (Non-remunerative).
Summer 1968	Psychology Instructor in the New York City- Vermont Youth Program Under the auspices of the New York City Youth Commission and the State of Vermont, St. Johnsbury, Vermont.
1968-1969	Field Placement with the New York City Department of Social Services, and the Bureau of Child Welfare. Francis Stark, ACSW, Supervisor. (Non-remunerative).
June 1970/ Feb. 1971	Program Director, Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey, 87 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Juan Rosario, Director.
Jan. 1972/ May 1972	Part-time Instructor ("Puerto Rican Life Styles the American Urban Experience" course). Dr. Hilda Hidalgo, Chairperson, Urban Studies Department, Livingston College, Edison, New Jersey.
Aug. 1972/ Dec. 1972	Acting Administrator, Bilingual Education Program, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
Jan. 1973/ June 1973	Part-time Social Worker at the Ramon Betances Pre-school, Newark, New Jersey.
Jan. 1975 May 1975	Part-time Instructor (intergroup Relations: Race and Ethnicity In American Life). Seton Hall University South Orange, New Jersey.
March 1971 to 1982	Social Worker, Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey. Child Guidance Department.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

1976-1978	Legislative Bureau, Seton Hall Law Center.
1978	Legal Services Clinic, Seton Hall Law Center.
1980-Present	Private practice of law including Municipal Court work, Real Estate, Negligence, Matrimonial Law, etc.

PERSONAL

Date of Birth : May 1, 1946

Place of Birth: Adjuntas, Puerto Rico. (Lares)

Height: 5'7" : Weight: 130 lbs. Health: Excellent.

Marital Status: Married: Ada Myrna Velez. Children: Myrna Arsenet Velez
Amilkar Miguel Velez
Katilia Yuisa Velez

Finances : In good order. Own properties. Own cars.

Hobbies : Reading, Music Appreciation, Participation in Sports
and Games, Woodwork.

Certificates : New Jersey School Social Worker Certificate, 1972.
Academy of Certified Social Workers Certificate, 1972.
Licence to practice laws in New Jersey, Pennsylvania,
U.S. District Court and Court of Appeals-Third Circuit.

Affiliations : Academy of Certified Social Workers.
(Past and Present) Advisory Committee on Social Work Education,
Livingston College, Edison, New Jersey.

Board of Directors of Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey.

Columbia University School of Social Work, Alumni
Association, Member of the Board of Directors.
At-large member of the Executive Committee.

National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey
Chapter.

New York Association of Puerto Rican Social Service
Workers (Member of organizing group in 1969)

Puerto Rican Educators Association, New Jersey.

Puerto Rican Education Committee, Inc. of New Jersey.

Puerto Rican History and Culture Committee, Newark,
Board of Education, Consultant.

Puerto Rican Task Force, Council on Social Work
Education.

C.U.R.A. - Board of Directors of Comunidad Unida para
la Rehabilitacion de Adictos.
(Appointed by Mayor Kenneth Gibson.)
1971 to 1986.

New Jersey Bilingual-Bicultural Education Committee,
Trenton, New Jersey.

Member of F.O.C.U.S., Inc. Newark, New Jersey.

COMPRE Health, Board of Directors (Appointed by
Governor Brendan Byrne)

ADDITIONAL DATA

Has traveled extensively. Speaks, reads and writes Spanish and English.
Speaks and reads Portuguese.

Active in various community activities most of which are related to
improving the educational opportunities of Puerto Ricans in the elementary,
secondary, higher and general levels. This includes ad-hoc committees as
well as individual advocacy efforts.

Has been a consultant or otherwise participated in the following activities:

Taught Spanish to a group of employees of the Public
Service Gas and Electric Company, Newark, New Jersey.
Spring 1971.

Resource person to the Professional Conference of the
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark, New Jersey.
February 1971.

Conducted the Leadership Workshop during the First Puerto Rican Convention of the State of New Jersey, Atlantic City, 1971.

"Aspira and the Puerto Rican Child vis-a-vis the School Systems" - Lecture dicatated to a Workshop of the Annual Parent-Teacher Association, Atlantic City, 1971.

"Marriage and Family Life Among Puerto Ricans" - Lecture given to the Newark Police Academy. Sponsored by the Essex County Mental Health Association, Newark, New Jersey. 1971 and 1972.

"The Puerto Rican Child and the Newark Schools" - Lecture given to an in-service group of the Newrk Board of Education, Newark, New Jersey, 1972.

"The Puerto Rican Child"- In-service seminar given to the Title VII, Bilingual Project, Newark, New Jersey. 1972.

"Child Rearing in Puerto Rican Families" - Lecture dictated to the Daycare 100, In-Service Seminar, Jersey City, New Jersey, 1972.

"The Newark-Puerto Rican Child vis-a-vis the Newark Bilingual Education Program" - Lecture to the staff of the Newark Bilingual Program, In-service training, July 1972.

"The Puerto Rican Child" - Lecture to the in-service training of the "We Program", Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey, 1972.

"The Political Process in Relation to the Puerto Ricans"- program taped with Dr. Hilda Hidalgo and Mr. Diego Castellanos for Channel 6, Philadelphia, Penn., May 1972.

"Drug Use and Abuse Among Children in Newark" - radio program taped for WBGO, Newark, New Jersey, April 1973.

Conducted workshop at the 'Advocacy in Action Conference". Sponsored by the FSAA and the Unitarian Universalist Church, Boston, Mass., May 1973.

Resource person for the "Newark Manpower Conference",
Newark, New Jersey, June 1973.

Club Advisor, Aspira Los Caribes Club, East Side High
School, Newark, New Jersey, 1972 to 1982.

Participated on various programs on WXTV (Channel 41),
WNJU (Channel 47), WADO (Radio Station) and WJIT
(Radio Station).

Member of Spanish American Law Students Association,
1975-1979.

ADDENDUM

Founding member of Hispanic Bar Association.

Recipient of Certificate of Appreciation in recognition
of meritorious service to the public and the Essex County
Bar Association for the year 1986-1987.

Recipient of commendations and awards from C.U.R.A., Inc.
and the Newark Borinquen Lions Club and the Aspira Club,
Eastside High School, Newark, New Jersey.

Named a gran Marshall of the Puerto Rican Parade of the
State of New Jersey - 1986.

Volunteer work with movement for a better world, directed
by Fr. Luis Posada and with Rev. Santiago Entenza,
Baptist Church, both of Newark, New Jersey.

Elected to the National Democratic Convention as a delegate
(alternate) in 1980, held in New York City, New York.

Member of the Handicapped Children of Puerto Rico,
Association, New Jersey Chapter

Den Leader and Pine Wood

Derby coordinator, Boys Scouts of America

Soccer co-coach of the Devils Team (ages 9-11)
which became group champions, Cranford,
New Jersey.